

Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 38, Regulations for Olympic Pistol Exemptions

5455. Exemption of Olympic Pistols.

(a) The following definitions shall apply to the regulations contained in this chapter:

(1) "USA Shooting or its successor" means the organization that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the national governing body for international shooting competition in the United States.

(2) "DOJ" means the California Department of Justice.

(3) "New model" means a model not previously listed on the roster of Olympic pistols exempted pursuant to this section.

(4) "Olympic pistol" means a handgun that is all of the following:

(A) Is sanctioned for use in Olympic target shooting events by the International Olympic Committee.

(B) Is sanctioned for use in Olympic target shooting events by USA Shooting, or its successor.

(C) Is used for Olympic target shooting purposes.

(D) Falls within the Penal Code section 12126 definition of "unsafe handgun" and/or the Penal Code section 12276.1 definition of "assault weapon."

(b)(1) DOJ shall exempt new models of Olympic pistols from the "assault weapon" definition in Penal Code section 12276.1 and/or the "unsafe handgun" provisions of Chapter 1.3 of Title 2 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, commencing with Section 12125.

(2) DOJ shall base its exemptions on recommendations made by USA Shooting or its successor. Recommendations must meet all of the following requirements:

(A) The recommendation must be in the form of a notarized statement signed and dated by the current chief executive officer of USA Shooting or its successor.

(B) The recommendation must specify the make, model, and caliber of the pistol(s).

(C) The recommendation must include a statement that the pistol(s) is sanctioned by USA Shooting or its successor for use in Olympic target shooting competition.

(D) The recommendation must include a statement that the pistol(s) is used for Olympic target shooting purposes.

(c) DOJ shall maintain a roster of Olympic pistols exempted pursuant to this section.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 12132 and 12276.1, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 12125, 12126, 12132 and 12276.1, Penal Code.